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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : We have sanctioned the investigation staff, Sir.

Burial-grounds

* 25 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received by the District Welfare Officer for the provision of burial-grounds so far in the South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the number of such applications disposed of so far and the number of cases pending and reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(1) PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1958–59.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I rise to present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year 1958–59 and the Detailed Estimates thereof.

3 10 p.m. The Budget Estimates for 1958–59 were passed by the House in April 1958 and since then, a number of 'New Service' Schemes were sanctioned by the Government for implementation during the current year. The initial expenditure on thirty of these schemes was met by advances from the Contingency Fund. It is proposed through these supplementary estimates to obtain legislative approval for these 'New Service' schemes and have the Contingency Fund recouped.

Though the present Supplementary Estimates relate mainly to 'New Service' Schemes, provision has also been made in a few cases for expenditure which is likely to exceed the provision made in the Budget Estimate for 1958–59.

Out of the total Supplementary Grant of Rs. 195·87 lakhs asked for, Grants amounting to Rs. 61·43 lakhs are for the schemes sanctioned on Revenue Account and the balance of Rs. 134·44 lakhs relate to schemes on Capital and Loan Accounts. Switching over to a programme of Malaria Eradication from Malaria Control, re-survey of Kanyakumari and Coimbatore districts, provision for additional facilities for in-patient treatment in the Government Hospital,

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 284 infra.

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Palni, strengthening and the establishment of Regional Post-Graduate Training Centre at the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore, are some of the important schemes for which provision is included in the present Supplementary Estimates. Token provision has also been made for payment of grants to new Polytechnics opened by private organizations.

Under Capital Account, a large item of expenditure is shown under "Compensation to Zamindars" (Rs. 46·79 lakhs). The provision represents only an adjustment between Capital and Deposit accounts necessitated by a change of accounting procedure prescribed by the Government of India and hence the expenditure cannot be said to be real. Similarly, the provision of Rs. 37 lakhs made under "Capital Outlay on Irrigation" for the Vidur Reservoir Project is only to meet the requirements under 'Suspense' transactions which will be finally partly wiped out by credits thereunder. The next large item of expenditure occurs under "Capital Outlay on Industrial Development" necessitated by the contribution towards the share capital of Dhrangadhara Chemical Works and Madras Cements, Ltd. The explanatory notes in the detailed supplementary estimates will give the hon. Members detailed information about the scope and necessity for the implementation of the various schemes included in the present Supplementary Estimates.

With these words, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for consideration by the House.

(2) PRESENTATION OF THE STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1955–56.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I rise to present the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the year 1955–56. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates do not, in the nature of things, tally entirely with the actuals. Excesses under some Grants are inevitable. The total of the excesses in expenditure now sought to be covered by legislative approval is Rs. 273 lakhs roundly against a total final appropriation of Rs. 14,696 lakhs. The explanatory note appended to the Statement of Demands gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the year 1957–58 at its meetings held during the course of the year examined the reasons for the excesses and has recommended in its Report published in April 1958 that Demands for Grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each Grant might be presented to the Legislature.

With these words, Sir, I commend for the acceptance of the House the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the year 1955–56.